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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments into the file of the above identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1.

Please add the following new claims:

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An endosseous dental implant, comprising:
a shaft made from a biocompatible material, said shaft having a distal end and a proximal end;
an abutment-implant interface disposed towards the proximal end of said shaft; and
a bone-tissue apposition surface formed on said shaft and disposed adjacent to said abutment-implant interface, said bone-tissue apposition surface including at least one peak and trough configured to approximate the physiological contours of naturally occurring bone-tissue morphology.

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The endosseous dental implant according to Claim 1, wherein said bone-tissue apposition surface has a non-planar appearance.

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